

Price Resource Management Plan

Brief History

- Consolidate and update the 1983 Price River Management Framework Plan and the 1991 San Rafael Resource Management Plan.
- 2.5 million surface acres and 2.8 million subsurface acres within Carbon and Emery counties.
- NOI published November 7, 2001. Received over 10,000 scoping comments.
- Draft RMP/EIS NOA published July 16, 2004. Received over 60,000 public comments.
- ACEC NOA published December 13, 2005. Received over 7,000 public comments.
- ACEC Supplement to the Draft RMP/EIS published June 9, 2006. Public comment period closes September 8, 2006.
- Developing plan cooperatively with Carbon and Emery counties, and the State of Utah.
- Plan is a contracted land use plan/EIS.

Major Issues

- Fluid mineral development and RFD
- ACECs, Wild and Scenic Rivers
- Nine Mile Canyon and Range Creek
- OHV and recreation management
- Lands with or likely to have wilderness characteristics

Status/Schedule

- Currently, the PFO is working with the contractor to prepare the final edited version of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS based on comment received from PFO staff, WO staff, SO staff and cooperators.
- In September 2006, the public comments on the ACEC supplement will be reviewed and any changes to the plan integrated.
- The Proposed RMP/Final EIS is expected to be available January 2007.
- The Final RMP/ROD is expected to be available September 2007.

Next Steps

- Draft Biological Assessment forwarded to the Fish and Wildlife Service for Section 7 consultation.
- SHPO consultation.
- Prepare contract modification for contractor to incorporate changes as directed by the SO.

Preparation of final edited Proposed RMP/Final.

